

Common Terms

Artificial Fly means any commonly accepted single hook wet and dry flies, streamers, and nymphs without spinner, spoon, scoop, lip or any other fishing lure or bait attached. The fly or leader may be weighted but no weight shall be attached to the fly or to the terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook.

Artificial Lure means a manmade lure manufactured to imitate natural bait. Artificial lures include spoons, spinners and plugs made of metal, plastic, wood and other non-edible materials. They also include plastic products made to resemble worms, eggs, fish and other aquatic organisms.

Catch and Immediate Release means fish caught must be returned immediately to the water without injury and may not be possessed.

Daily Limit means the total number of fish, amphibians or reptiles that you are permitted to catch and keep in one day. Also see Possession Limit.

Designated Trout Lake means any lake so designated by the state in which trout are the predominant game fish. All Type A, all Type D and certain Type B lakes are considered designated trout lakes. FO-200 lists all designated trout lakes and is available upon request, or can be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. You must have an all-species license to fish these waters.

Designated Trout Stream means any stream so designated by the state that contains a significant population of trout or salmon. FO-210 lists all designated trout streams and is available upon request, or can be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. You must have an all-species license to fish these waters.

Open Season means the period of time during which it is legal to fish for a given species.

Possession Limit is equal to the Daily Limit. Except a person may possess up to two (2) additional limits of coho, chinook, or pink salmon taken during previous fishing days **provided** that the additional limits are processed fish (canned, cured by smoking or drying, or frozen). Anglers who have not attained the age of 17 are entitled to the possession limit even though they do not have a fishing license. A person fishing waters bordered by other states or provinces AND possessing multiple fishing licenses may possess the limit allowed for ONLY ONE license while in transit, but while fishing in Michigan waters, must comply with Michigan possession and size limits .

Possession Season is that portion of the open season during which it is legal to harvest fish.